

REMARKS

In the Examiner's amendment of November 3, 2005, the Examiner amended claim 4 to replace the article "the" in line 2 with "either." Applicants note that this amendment was not discussed with Applicant's representative on September 20, 2005.

Claim 4 has been amended herein to place claim 4 in its form prior to the Examiner's amendment, i.e. to replace "either" with the original "the." Claim 2 recites four components to the vector,

- 1) a T-DNA right **border region**;
- 2) a T-DNA left **border region**;
- 3) a **T-DNA region**;
- 4) a replication origin.

Thus, there is only one "T-DNA region" recited in claim 2. Claim 4, which depends from claim 2, further defines the "**T-DNA region**". Thus, the Examiner's amendment to replace "the" with "either" was in error. Applicants have amended claim 4 herein, to again have the claim correctly recite, "the." As no new issues are raised by the amendment entry thereof and processing of the application for issue are respectfully requested.

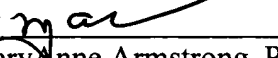
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If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, Ph.D., Reg. No. 40,069 at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000.

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